GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:980
ANSWERED ON:29.11.2005
VIOLENCE IN UP
Chandrappan Shri C.K.;Kushwaha Shri Narendra Kumar;Munshiram Shri ;Pathak Shri Brajesh;Patle Shri Shishupal Natthu;Rawat Shri Ashok Kumar;Reddy Shri Suravaram Sudhakar;Shiwankar Shri Maha Deo Rao

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received any report on the violence at Mau in the State of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Union Government has also sent any Central Team to conduct inquiry into the aforesaid violence;

(d) if so, whether any report has been submitted to the Government by the team; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. As per the report received from the State Government of Uttar Pradesh, in connection with the proposed Bharat Milap Programme on 14.10.2005 by the Ram Lila Committee, Mau Town, communal tension started over use of loudspeakers on the night of 13th October, 2005 in the town. This was followed by communal incidents on 14th October and subsequent days in which 8 persons were killed, 37 persons sustained injuries, 227 houses/shops, 13 industrial establishments and 12 handlooms/powerlooms were damaged. The estimated loss due to damages to property was reported by State Government at Rs. 8.55 crore. Senior Officers of the State Government camped at the affected areas and the State Government took measures like imposition of curfew, deployment of forces, patrolling of affected areas etc. for restoration of normalcy. A total of 440 persons were arrested and sent to jail and a total of 57 offences have been registered.

Five incumbent officers including the District Magistrate and Superintendent of Police were placed under suspension for their failure to control the situation. An enquiry Committee has also been constituted by the State Govt. to inquire into these incidents. An amount of Rupees Two lakh to the dependents of each of the deceased person and in the case of those injured an amount of Rs. 25,000/- was sanctioned by the State Government.

Under the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution, `Police` and `Public Order` are State subjects and registration of cases, investigation and prosecution are the primary concern of the State Governments. The Union Government has also issued advisories to the State Government from time to time and has also taken a variety of administrative measures and promotional efforts for communal harmony. These include constant review of the communal situation in the country, maintaining a continuous watch over the activities of organizations having a bearing on peace and communal harmony, sending alert messages, sharing of information, sending Central Para-Military forces to the States on the specific request of the concerned State Government(s), assistance in the modernization of the State Police Forces etc. The Union Government has also issued to all the States/Union Territories comprehensive guidelines to promote communal harmony. The promotional efforts include providing grants for organizations engaged in activities promoting communal harmony, annual Communal Harmony Awards and Kabir Puraskar and observance of Quami Ekta Week. The National Common Minimum Programme of the Government envisages enactment of a law to deal with communal violence.

(c): No, Sir.

(d) & (e): Do not arise.